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APPLICANT: Metz et al. TC/ART UNIT: 2623

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TITLE: BAND LIMITED PORT AGGREGATION IN A DIGITAL RETURN PATH

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 03, 2008 concerning the above-identified application and is timely filed within the three month shortened statutory period for a response. This reply is provided in response to the Office Action in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.111. Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks and respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections made in the Office Action and to allow the claims to issue.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.